



THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

County of Los Angeles

MINUTES

Meeting Place: Room 150 Hall of Records
320 W. Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012
Meeting Date: January 6, 2016 - Wednesday

Time: 9:05 a.m.

Present:

Commissioners Pincetl, Smith, Louie, Pedersen

Absent: Commissioner Modugno

Ex Officio Members:

Director of Public Works: Mr. Fabrizio Pachano, Senior Civil Engineer

County Counsel: Mr. Joe Nicchitta, Deputy

Planning Director: Mr. Sorin Alexanian, Deputy Director, Current Planning Division

Forester and Fire Warden: Ms. Janna Masi, Supervising Fire Prevention Engineer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Pincetl representing the Third Supervisorial District.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. Motion/second by Commissioners Louie/Pedersen – That the agenda for January 6, 2016 be approved.

At the direction of the Chair, the agenda was approved with Commissioners Louie, Pedersen, Pincetl and Smith in favor and Commissioner Modugno being recorded as absent.

COUNTY COUNSEL REPORT

3. There were no reports given by County Counsel.

DIRECTOR/DEPUTY DIRECTOR

4. There were no reports given by Director/Deputy Director.

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MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

5. Motion/second by Commissioners Smith/Pedersen – That the minutes for December 2, 9 and 16, 2015 be approved.

At the direction of the Chair, the minutes were approved with Commissioners Smith, Pedersen, Pincetl and Louie in favor and Commissioner Modugno being recorded as absent.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Zoning Permits - West Section

Action Taken as Noted

6. **(Continued from 07/08/15, 08/12/15, 09/16/15 & 10/21/15). Project No. R2014-02228-(2). Conditional Use Permit No. 201400112. Applicant: Mr. Ronald Flury. 20850 Normandie Avenue. Carson Zoned District. To authorize the operation of an existing trucking facility with truck and equipment storage, truck and equipment repair, and offices in the MPD (Manufacturing-Industrial Planned) Zone. The project is categorically exempt Class 1 – Existing Facilities, pursuant to CEQA reporting requirements.**

Ms. Arakelian informed the Commission that due to new information received by staff regarding the subject property, a change in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) designation is now required therefore, staff is recommending that the item be continued.

Motion/second by Commissioners Louie/Pedersen – That the item be continued to Wednesday, January 20, 2016 to allow staff to determine the appropriate (CEQA) review process for the trucking facility.

At the direction of the Chair, the item was continued to Wednesday, January 20, 2016.

Project Approved

7. **Project No. R2015-00269-(2). Conditional Use Permit No. 201500012. Applicant: 7-Eleven, Inc. 15230 South Avalon Boulevard. Willowbrook Enterprise Zoned District. To authorize the sale of beer and wine for off-site consumption at an existing convenience store in the C-1 (Restricted Business) / C-2 (Neighborhood Business) Zone within the West Rancho Dominguez – Victoria Community Standards District (CSD). This project is categorically exempt (Class 1 – Existing Facilities) pursuant to CEQA reporting requirements.**

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Zoning Permits - West Section

Mr. Mirza-Avakyan presented the staff report followed by testimony from the applicant's representatives, Sherrie Olson and Richard Hofmeister both in favor of the project. They requested the following modifications or deletions: 1) Delete Condition No. 41 which required the permittee to provide adequate security personnel who are licensed in the State of California during the hours of alcohol sales as they currently have an agreement with local police to periodically patrol the area; 2) Condition No. 42 - amend the sale of beer and wine between the hours from 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. to coincide with the store name 7-Eleven and to meet the expectations of consumers; and 3) Condition No. 31 - amend malt liquors and/or malt based products with alcoholic content greater than five percent by volume to 8 percent.

Commissioner Louie asked staff to elaborate on the Sheriff's recommendation to include adequate security personnel, to which staff replied that a security guard licensed in the State of California would constitute adequate security.

In addition, Commissioner Louie asked why the display of alcohol constitutes more than five percent of shelf space of the store, to which staff responded that there is no overconcentration of alcohol sales in the area that would necessitate such a limitation.

Discussion was held between staff and the Commission after which they agreed to the following: 1) the permittee shall provide staff with an approved Sheriff security plan that includes security patrol every two hours; prior to the issuance of the Type 20 ABC license, which would replace the need for a security guard; 2) the sale of beer and wine at the convenience store will occur only between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.; 3) the permittee shall display alcoholic beverages only in the cooler or shelving designated for storage of said beverages, or 9.12% of shelf space, as depicted on "Exhibit A". No additional display of alcoholic beverages shall be provided elsewhere on the premises; and 4) delete Condition 31 - no malt liquors and/or malt based product with alcoholic content greater than five percent by volume shall be sold.

There being no members of the public in opposition, no rebuttal was required.

Motion/second by Commissioners Louie/Pedersen - That the Regional Planning Commission close the public hearing and find that the project is categorically exempt pursuant to state and local CEQA guidelines and approve Conditional Use Permit No. 201500012 with modifications to the findings and conditions as discussed above. The appeal period for this item ends on Wednesday, January 20, 2016.

At the direction of the Chair, the item passed with Commissioners Louie, Pedersen, Pincetl and Smith in favor and Commissioner Modugno being recorded as absent.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

8. Public comment pursuant to Section 54954.3 of the Government Code.

There were no requests by members of the public to address the Commission.

CONTINUATION OF REPORTS

9. Possible Call for Review of Decisions by Hearing Officer, pursuant to Section 22.60.200 of the Los Angeles County Code.

There were no items Called up for Review by the Commission.

10. Commission/Counsel/Director Reports

Mr. Bruckner, Director of Planning informed the Commission that the Department of Regional Planning is currently evaluating consolidating the Commission meetings from weekly to every other week. For scheduling purposes we will work with applicants and the Commissioners to modify the calendar.

ADJOURNMENT

A recording of the testimony received and the discussions held at this meeting and a copy of all findings and resolutions acted upon by the Commission are on file in the Department of Regional Planning.

The Commission adjourned at 10:05 a.m. to Wednesday, January 13, 2016.



Rosie O. Ruiz, Commission Secretary

ATTEST

APPROVE



Stephanie Pincetti, Chair



Sorin Alexanian, Deputy Director
Current Planning Division